

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Richman *et al.*

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For: METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR  
DIAGNOSIS AND  
TREATMENT OF IRON  
OVERLOAD DISEASES AND  
IRON DEFICIENCY  
DISEASES

Attorney Docket No.: 8907-098-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments. Applicants include herewith *Appendix A*, comprising a copy of the claims as pending after entry of the instant Amendment.

**AMENDMENT**

**In The Specification:**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, and replace it with the following paragraph:

**A1** The present application is a divisional application of co-pending United States application serial no. 09/094,964, filed June 12, 1998, incorporated herein by reference in its